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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 9, 2003, the Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. The Applicants respectfully assert that the Requested Amendments shown below should be entered because they place the application in condition for allowance and do not raise new issues.

REQUESTED AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 22, beginning on line 3 (previously amended) with the following paragraph:

Figure 10 is a plan view of a catheter 920 in accordance with the present invention. Catheter 920 includes a distal end 930, a proximal end 940, and a shaft assembly 922. Shaft assembly 922 comprises a first elongate shaft 924 having a distal end 934, a proximal end 944, and an inner surface 954 defining a lumen 932. Shaft assembly 922 also includes a second elongate shaft 926 slidably disposed within lumen 932 of first elongate shaft 924,

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